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GRANTS TO NON OFFICIAL INSTITUTIONS FOR BLIND
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the guidelines for giving grant-in-aid to non-official institutions for blind are changed frequently causing delay in receiving grant-in-aid;

(b) If so, the details of guidelines and when they were issued;

(c) Whether there is any proposal to enhance the honorarium last fixed in 1999-2000 for the employees working in these institutions; and

(d) If not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) &(b) No frequent change has been made in the guidelines on Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (formerly the Scheme to Promote voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities) under which grant-in-aid is given to various non-governmental organizations including non-official institutions for blind. However, the item wise cost norms for funding various projects including the projects for blind under the scheme were rationalized/revised and made applicable from 1.4.2003. The revised guidelines in this connection were issued in March 2003. The details of the revised guidelines are available on the website of the Ministry www.socialjustice.nic.in.

(c) & (d) The revised item wise cost norms including the rate of honorarium to staff were made applicable only from 1.4.2003. There is no proposal to revise them.